BLM ASKS FOR HELP FROM PUBLIC FOR OHV PLANNING

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Scoping Workshops

Feb 2, 2005, Exhibit Hall Wash County Fairgrounds, Hurricane, Utah, 7-9 pm Feb 3, 2005, Holiday Inn, St. George, Utah, 7-9 pm

KEY PLANNING DATES:

January 3, 2005-Begin Scoping
March 4, 2005-Scoping Ends
October 2005-Publish Draft EIS
May 2006-Publish Final EIS
August 2006-Record of Decision

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COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT THE SCOPING WORKSHOPS,
MAILED DIRECTLY TO BLM'S
St. GEORGE FIELD OFFICE,
OR SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO OUR NEW
OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS FOR COMMENTS
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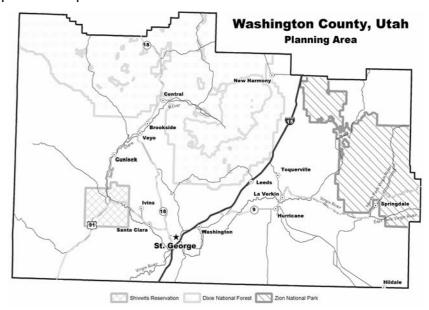
Background

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) St. George Field Office has begun development of a plan amendment to the St. George Resource Management Plan (1999). This amendment will result in an OHV Management Plan for approximately 629,000 acres of BLM administered land in Washington County, Utah. The plan will address OHV route and area designations and consider needs for trail developments and restrictions for resource protection.

Upcoming Public Involvement Opportunities

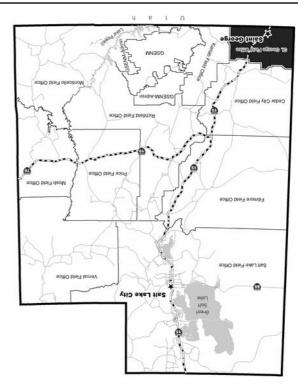
Two public workshops have been scheduled, which will provide opportunities for you to exchange and share information with BLM. See the side bar on this page. The workshops will be a great opportunity to visit with BLM one-on-one to discuss issues and provide input to OHV designations. BLM will continue to accept comments until March 4, 2005, at which point the formal scoping period ends. Comments submitted on or before this deadline will be most useful to BLM; these comments will be incorporated into a scoping report and used during the development of plan alternatives. However, BLM will provide additional opportunities for public comments throughout the planning process.

THAT'S NOT ALL! BLM representatives will also be available upon request to meet with agencies, organizations, and other groups to share ideas, answer questions, and receive comments throughout plan development.



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Please Help BLM Determine...

- Routes that should be open to motorized vehicles? Favorite OHV areas?
- Route closures necessary to protect important resources?
- Restrictions needed on "designated open" routes to resolve potential resource and user conflicts?
- Changes needed to current OHV designations based upon new state and national policies?

Together we can look across jurisdictional boundaries to:

- Address multi-county and cross-jurisdictional trail systems.
- Designate single use OHV trails to meet growing public needs.
- Cooperatively reduce OHV trespass on non-public lands.
- Effectively use volunteer groups to assist with trail design, construction, maintenance and monitoring.
- Fully incorporate current state and federal OHV management policies.
- Provide for future trail riding opportunities.
- Support community economic goals by providing for suitable OHV uses and route designations.
- Work with other local, state and federal agencies to ensure consistent and effective enforcement, signing and mapping of OHV activities.

WANT MORE BLM/OHV INFORMATION

(maps, comment & information sheets)

Please visit one of the following locations located in St. George, to gather more information about this planning effort:

- Interagency Information Center, 345 East Riverside Drive
- Washington County Administration Bldg, 197 East Tabernacle
- City Offices (Hurricane, Springdale, Ivins, St. George, LaVerkin, etc.)
- Stephen Wade Power Sports
- On Track 4X4

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